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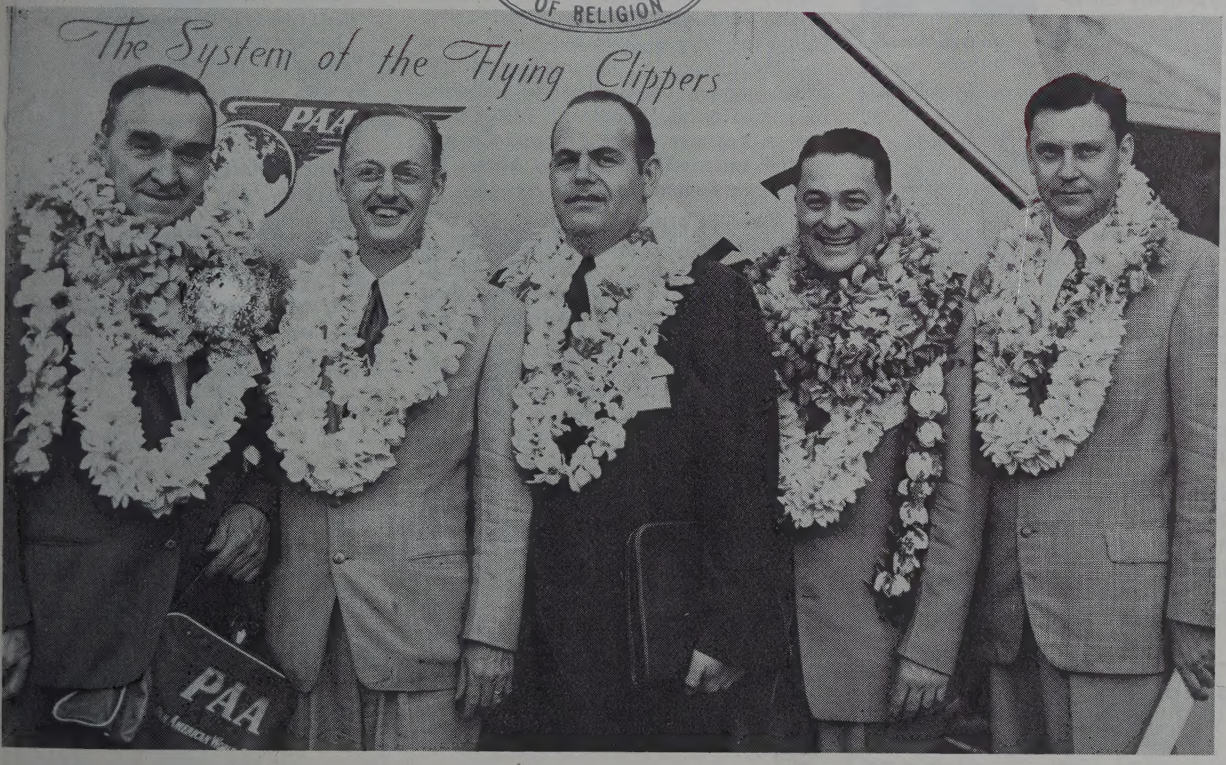

Leaders Arrive at Honolulu

World Friendship Crusade Launched

For Christ and the Church

Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

Good Citizens Vote

Not all peoples of the world have the privilege of freely giving voice in government.

The shameful truth is that here in America many do not exercise their right to vote. It is not mere idle talk that the day could come when this freedom of expression might be taken away or rendered ineffective.

Dr. Gene Stone

If you are of voting age, vote in the November elections. For the many Christian Endeavorers who are not old enough to cast a ballot it is their civic duty to urge parents and others to vote.

Magazine Gets a "Day"

The Christian Endeavor World deserves a special "day." This pioneer journal of Protestant youth has been giving inspiration to thousands for over 68 years. With October as Protestant Church Press Month the date of Sunday, October 26, has been designated as "Christian Endeavor World Sunday." Observe the day in your society and union. Get new subscribers. Appoint a representative for our magazine if you do not have one.

Visitor From Ceylon

Rev. James S. Mather, former president of the Ceylon Christian Endeavor Union and a superintendent in the Methodist Church, visited the mainland of the United States after attending the Honolulu Conference. Mr. Mather spent three days at headquarters in Columbus, addressed the Leaders' Retreat of Michigan at Waldenwoods, and spoke to Endeavor groups in other parts of the country. It was Mr. Mather's privilege to see his Daughter, Grace, on her arrival at Oberlin (Ohio) College, where she will study for a year on a World Council of Churches Fellowship.

Topic Comments

A new feature of *The General Baptist Messenger* is "Helps on C. E. Lesson." Miss Betty Runyon is the author of these weekly articles.

Rev. Elwood Dunn Resigns

Rev. Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union for the past four and a half years, resigned his post to become administrative secretary of Leadership Training, Inc., in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Dunn, who is chairman of the Program Council of the International Society, began his new work September 1.

For Your Information

Our love and sympathy is extended to *Rev. and Mrs. Lester Case,* of Detroit, Michigan, on the tragic death of their Daughter, Doris Jean, 23 months old, August 17.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, plans to attend the Third World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore, India in December.

Vernon Hoffman of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a trustee of the Youth Assembly of International Society, was a representative of Christian Endeavor at the Christian Youth Conference of North America at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., August 25-29.

Rev. Wellington W. Whittlesey, former field secretary of Illinois Union and writer of the Intermediate Edition of *The Program Guide 1951-52,* has started a new pastorate at New Providence, Iowa.

Julian Moran, vice-president of the Great Lakes Region of International Society, and his wife, Claribel, are being congratulated on the arrival of Douglas Dwight, July 16.

Mrs. P. Marion Simms, Jr., who was recently hospitalized because of a fall, is recovering at the home of her Mother, Mrs. Lavina Heyboer, 1042 Vernon St., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Edna was formerly assistant to the General Secretary of International Society.

The Power of the Press . . .

The printed page wields a great influence.

You can make good use of this in your young people's work by seeing that THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD is in the hands of your society leaders and members.

Plan now to observe CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD DAY on Sunday, October 26.

October has been designated as Protestant Church Press month and therefore is a good time to promote the pioneer Protestant youth publication.

Additional information and materials for securing subscriptions to THE WORLD may be obtained from Harold E. Westerhoff, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

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COVER

A quintet of leaders from the Mainland of the United States are shown on their arrival in Honolulu for the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. They are (left to right): Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president, World's Union; Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, treasurer, World's Union; Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary, International Society; Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society, and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, general secretary, World's Union. (Photo by Joseph Dizon)

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WORLD FRIENDSHIP CRUSADE PLANNED BY ENDEAVORERS

Pacific Area Conference Adopts Program Calling for Promotion of Evangelism and Peace—Honolulu Meetings Give New Impetus to Cause of Youth

Youth are marching in a new effort to evangelize the world and promote peace.

A World Friendship Crusade has been launched by Christian Endeavor.

The program adopted at the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 26-30 calls for the participation of hosts of young people as Friendship Pals, in Friendship Projects, and in Friendship Teams.

Realizing the urgent spiritual need among the youth throughout the world the conference resolved "that Christian Endeavor accept the challenge before it and launch a World Friendship Crusade to knit together nations and peoples in friendship and peace."

"We will encourage and promote correspondence among youth in many nations, special participation in mission enterprises and the sending of teams from one country to another to help win youth to Christ and bring about better understanding," Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, stated.

The International Society is actively participating in the Crusade as it emphasizes during this church year the theme, "Build With Christ Through World Friendship."

Educational and program materials will help to tell the story as thousands of societies and unions take up the challenge and participate.

Dr. Poling to Visit Europe

Leaders will present the message and set-up plans for the carrying out of the Crusade in many lands. Dr. Daniel A. Poling will go on a Crusade mission in Europe and will attend the Atlantic Area Conference of the World's C. E. Union in Rome, Italy, October 7-14. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, general secretary of the World's Union, is planning a tour of the world in December.

More than 200 representatives of Christian Endeavor Unions in North America, the Islands of the Pacific and Asia, attended the meetings in Honolulu.

The conference expressed its concern for a greater spirit of brotherhood and voted "that we urge the governments of all the nations represented in this conference, and especially the government of the United States of America, to take all necessary legislative action to remove existing barriers which hamper the development of inter-racial brotherhood."

CRUSADE PROGRAM

The World Friendship Crusade is to be carried out by means of:

1. **Friendship Pals—correspondence by youth of many nations.**
2. **Friendship Projects—aid to mission enterprises through denominational and other channels.**
3. **Literature and Materials—emphasis to be given in educational and program phases of society and union work.**
4. **Friendship Teams—visit of deputation groups to various countries.**

Renew Commitment to Christ

A resolution of commitment, unanimously adopted by the conference, follows:

"Believing that we have in Jesus Christ our Lord a full revelation of God and His plan for mankind in all of his relationships, we resolve to crown HIM LORD OF ALL in our lives, and to do all we can to help others to do the same."

Action was taken urging the Congress of the United States to enact into law without further delay the bill now awaiting formal action admitting the territory of Hawaii as a state. The conference went on record seeking the restoration of the crosses and Stars of David in the United States National Cemetery in Honolulu.

"With Christ at the Crossroads," was the theme of the conference which opened July 26 in the historic Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, general secretary of the World's Union, spoke on the importance of making decisions.

Addresses of welcome were given by Dr. Harold Roberts, administrative assistant to the Governor of Hawaii; the Honorable John H. Wilson, mayor of Honolulu; Rev. Richard D. Isler, executive secretary, Honolulu Council of Churches; Colonel Harold W. Kent, moderator, Hawaiian Evangelical Association; Rev. Edward Kahale, president, Hawaiian C. E. Association and pastor of Kawaiahao Church; Rev. Joseph Dizon, president, Honolulu County C. E. Union, and Walter T. Nomura, president, C. E. Union of the Territory of Hawaii.

Special music was given by the choir of the Kawaiahao Church, which had recently sung at the National Conference of the Congregational-Christian Church in Claremont, California. The choir, which has won many musical honors, plans a tour in the mainland of the United States in 1954.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling stirred the great audience of more than 600 at the service Sunday evening, July 27, in the Kawaiahao Church. He asked Endeavorers to go "all-out" for Christ and told of the conflicts and dangers in today's world.

Monday morning the delegates started conference discussion meetings in Makiki Christian Church. These were led by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Dr. Gene Stone, Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, Dr. T. T. Roberts, and Walter M. Frutiger.

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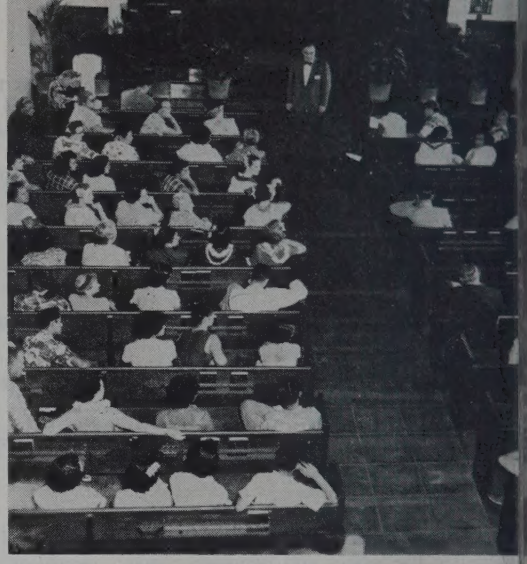
MAINLANDERS GREETED WITH "ALOHAS" AND LEIS — The thirty-eight members of the Tour Party of the International Society of Christian Endeavor received a stirring welcome on their arrival at the International Airport in Honolulu July 26 for the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.



THIS CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR BUSINESS — Leaders pr sent ways of increasing the effectiveness of work wi youth at conference session in Makiki Christian Churc Honolulu. A portion of the group is shown with D Daniel A. Poling presiding.

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Greetings from Japan

Rev. Morito Inagaki, secretary of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor, spoke Monday morning through an interpreter. He told of the open doors of opportunity for youth work in his country and brought official greetings from the Japan Union.

These greetings, in part, are as follows:

"We are very glad that our Colleagues in the vineyard of our Common Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ have this splendid opportunity to get together for a conference. It is our hearty wishes and incessant prayer that the conference may be richly blessed and be fruitful to mark a milestone in the advance of His Kingdom, in this part of the world.

"We Christians in Japan are most grateful that the Peace Treaty took its effect, and our nation was allowed to re-join as a member of the family of nations again.

"Realizing that our country has been the real cause of bringing tragedy among the nations around the Pacific Ocean, we deeply feel our moral responsibility and we wish to express our sincere remorse and penitence, and humble ourselves before God and man for our inability, that we could not avert the mistaken policy of our nation in the past, contrary to our desire, owing to minority force in this country.

"Now that we could start again with renewed policies based on democracy, we pledge ourselves to press forward to Christianize this nation, and we wish to reach our young people who are much troubled with the challenge of Communism.

"We Christian Endeavorers are striving to do our part, following 'Life Creed of Christian Endeavorers' and upholding the 'Christian Endeavor Manifest.' "

Rev. Kwai Sing Chang, pastor, Kalahikiola Church, Kohala, Hawaii, who recently returned from Edinburgh, Scotland, preached at the Monday evening session in Makiki Christian Church.

Work in Marshall Islands

Dr. Isaac K. Lanwi of Majuro in the Marshall Islands, advised of the work of Christian Endeavor in Micronesia. H told that his wife is engaged in translatin Christian Endeavor topics in four diffe ent languages to help their youth. D Lanwi is a physician.

More than 300 attended the confe ence luau held under a huge tent on th grounds of the Kaumakapili Churc Tuesday evening. Henry Aarona wi chairman assisted by Mrs. Martha Hol with Daniel Poepoe as toastmaster. Th Hawaiian banquet was a special treat visitors. Delegates watched the prepar tion for the luau earlier in the day wi the roasting of pigs for the occasio Hawaiian music and many varieties georgeous flowers added to the enjo ment of this outstanding social event the conference.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, who started h career in the International Society Christian Endeavor as citizenship supe intendent in 1912, presided at the Cit zenship Rally Tuesday following th luau.

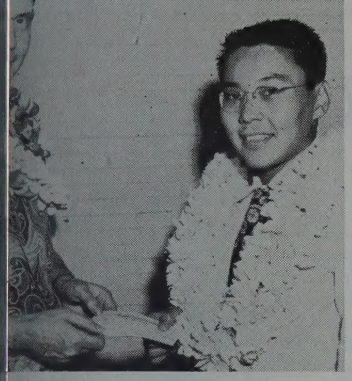
James T. Tanabe, a junior in the Un versity of Hawaii who hopes to be a mi sionary to Japan, gave his prize-winnin

. . Discuss Christian Endeavor Extension . .

Some of the representatives at the business sessions of the Pacific Area Conference are shown in front of the Makiki Christian Church in Honolulu. They are:

Standing (left to right) — Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary, International Society; Rev. James S. Mather, Kandy, Ceylon; Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president, World's Union; Dr. Isaac K. Lanwi, Marshall Islands; Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, president, Canadian Union; Rev. Edward Kahale, president, Hawaiian C. E. Association; Rev. Morito Inagaki, secretary, Japan Union, and Rev. Joseph H. Dizon, president, Honolulu Union.

Seated (left to right) — Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, treasurer, World's Union; Rev. Samuel M. Saffery, Honolulu; Walter T. Nomura, president, Territory of Hawaii Union; James T. Tanabe, runner-up winner in Citizenship Contest; Rev. Paul K. Tamura, Honolulu, recently from Japan, and Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society.



GOOD CITIZEN . . .

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan presents check for 50.00 to James T. Tanabe, Honolulu, for eing one of the runners-up in the Chris-an Endeavor Citizenship Contest. The ward was made at Citizenship rally of nference.

THEY SAID IT WITH FLOWERS . . .

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling receive a big "hello" in typical Hawaiian fashion on arrival in the Capital of the Islands with the International Christian Endeavor Tour.

AND THEY BAKED A CAKE . . .

Pan American Airways knew the International Tour Party liked cake so they made a special one. High above the Pacific Dr. Poling helps Jean Welpton (left) and Felice D'Alfonso, stewardesses, display this delicacy.

ssay on the subject, "I Speak for Chris-an Citizenship." Dr. Ernest R. Bryan nen presented him with a check for $50 or being one of five runner-up contest-nts in the Citizenship Contest.

Citizenship addresses were made by Rev. Joseph T. Dizon, president of the Honolulu Union, and Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, director, Citizenship Depart-nent, International Society. The Kauma-apili Choir sang.

Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of International Society, presid-d at the closing session Wednesday eve-ing in Makiki Church. Addresses were nade by Dr. Gene Stone, general secre-ary of International Christian Endeavor, nd Dr. Daniel A. Poling.

Leaders at the quiet hour conducted ach morning were Dr. T. T. Roberts, astor Minnesota Avenue Christian Church, Washington, D. C.; Rev. James S. Mather, former president of Ceylon C. E. Union, and Rev. Edward Kahale, resident, Hawaiian C. E. Association.

Nomura Chairman

Walter T. Nomura headed the Honolulu committee for the conference. Others on the committee included Mrs. Audrey Miretti, Kim Kiu Chong, Robert C. Carbaugh, Ralph Lance, Eugene Yap, Henry Aarona, Mrs. Martha Hohu, William Donlin, Tai Choy Yim, and Seisho Shimabuku.

The resolutions committee consisted of Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, chairman; Dr. William W. McKinney, and Rev. James S. Mather.

Harold E. Westerhoff directed the tour party of the International Society. Thirty-eight Endeavorers from the mainland boarded a Pan American Airways stratoclipper at Los Angeles, California, July 25 at 11 P.M. and landed in Honolulu the next morning at 6:30 o'clock. Following the conference a tour was made of the Island of Oahu, where Honolulu is located, and the other major islands of the Hawaiian chain.

A large group of Christian Endeavorers of Honolulu were at the International Airport to give a typical Hawaiian farewell to the members of the tour on August 4. The take-off was at 6:30 P.M. The next morning, August 5, at 7 o'clock the giant plane landed at Los Angeles, California. Some of the party left for their homes from there while the majority continued to San Francisco. Many visited places of interest on the west coast and on the way to the mid-west and the east. Six members of the tour party returned from Hawaii on the S. S. Lurline. The Sunday the vessel was at sea Dr. William W. McKinney of Ambridge, Pa., former pastoral counsellor of the Keystone State C. E. Union, preached at the Protestant service.

More News and Pictures

The next issue of THE WORLD *will give additional information on the Pacific Area Conference of the World's C. E. Union. Among the features will be a story of the trip of Dr. Ernest R. Bryan to the leper colony at Kalaupapa, Territory of Hawaii. Most of the pictures of the Pacific Area Conference were taken by Rev. Joseph H. Dizon.*

CONFER WITH MAYOR — Honorable John H. Wilson, Chief Executive of Hawaii's main city, greeted Christian Endeavor leaders in his office. Standing (left to right) are: Rev. James S. Mather, Dr. T. T. Roberts, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Harold E. Westerhoff, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, and Walter T. Nomura.

CITIZENSHIP RALLY — A section of the crowd at the mass meeting Tuesday evening in Kaumakapili Church is shown. This was held following the luau, which was a very colorful banquet. Speakers at the rally were Rev. Joseph Dizon, president of Honolulu C. E. Union; Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, director, Citizenship Department of International Society, and James T. Tanabe, a winner in Citizenship Contest.

"Your Friends Are My Friends"

By Bert H. Davis

FELLOWSHIP with all Christ's people has been considered an essential of the Christian Endeavor idea. This fellowship finds its widest expression in the World Friendship Crusade, to promote evangelism and peace in all nations — a program adopted at the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union at Honolulu, Hawaii, in July.

But "fellowship with all Christ's people" begins at the grassroots. Only as such a Crusade grows and spreads from the home church and its young people, and in relation to the home community, can it become a force for World Friendship.

Young Adult groups should be — will be — essential in this adventure in Christian statesmanship, in which all Christian Endeavorers and their friends, beginning with Junior Christian Endeavorers, carry important responsibilities.

Projects

These are among the projects with which the World Friendship Crusade is initiated:

1. Encourage and promote correspondence among youth in many nations.
2. Participate in mission enterprises.
3. Send teams from one country to another, to help win youth to Christ and bring about better understanding among the nations.
4. Urge legislative action, in the United States and other nations, to remove existing barriers which hamper the development of inter-racial brotherhood.

Achievement must start in the churches and communities. In the planning and promotion, in working out local details, in timing the efforts to harmonize with local church objectives — in all these and other orderly details the Young Adult leaders and members in the home church can assist Endeavorers of all ages and their leaders to contribute much and gain much for their church and community.

1. The pastor and his Young Adult aides may set the stage for "comradeship under a foreign stamp." From denomination, church council and Christian Endeavor sources, get together the names and addresses of young leaders to whom the societies of your church will send their greetings and news letters and souvenirs.

(a) The correspondence project will quite likely encourage some Christian Endeavor groups in the churches, and also city and county unions, to create or expand their periodicals — which may be in mimeographed or multilith form, prepared by the young people themselves, and circulated among society members, those absent in military service and at school, and the growing number of overseas correspondents. Bear in mind that personal letters are highly important in this fellowship project, and the home church Endeavorers' periodical is a convenient means to add news and inspiration to our correspondence with pen pals among Christian youth.

(b) An International Letters Fund might be set up among the youth groups of the church, to defray the costs of air mail postage, occasional gifts for friends overseas, and possibly special stationery to be used by all your members who agree to write these letters regularly.

2. We shall deal in later months with the participation of Christian Endeavor and allied groups of the home church in foreign mission enterprises. This is a broad, promising and rewarding field of Christian effort. We must plan largely and wisely to accomplish the finest possible results, with and for Christ.

3. Local and state unions will probably have definite assignments in connection with the exchange of Christian evangelistic teams among the nations. Suggestions from churches and Young Adult units will be appreciated.

Young Adult Workshop

4. The International Society of Christian Endeavor will have concrete suggestions for Young Adult groups and cooperating groups of Christians in the churches and communities, to foster legislative action to deal with inter-racial relationships.

Action in the Grassroots

5. And now, a recapitulation of grassroots action in "friendship with all Christ's people," such as *successful* Christian Endeavor societies and unions and *working* churches have been carrying forward in recent months:

(a) Inter-society and inter-church social events and devotional and evangelistic activities. The groups joining for such interests may represent the churches of a neighborhood, a rural and an urban church, churches of various denominations or of different national or racial origins, a home-community church and a downtown church or mission.

(b) Recreational events, each with a devotional phase in opening or closing or both, to bring together youth of different parishes. By such means, game leadership and recreational equipment possessed by one group may be shared with a wide variety of Christian groups or centers.

(c) Outdoor recreation and fellowship — picnics, winter sports, swim parties, corn or wiener roasts, a day at lake or beach—in which two or more church participate, under Christian Endeav sponsorship.

(d) Exchange of leadership for meetin and evangelistic efforts—a communit scale project similar to the interchan of such leadership along internation lines.

(e) Community-wide sharing of leadersh opportunities. The city or county uni may so plan its program that A Church takes responsibility for the N vember activities, B — Church for L cember, and so on.

(f) Financial aid to local missionary a evangelistic work of an interdenor national character. The youth of A Church may secure funds which w carry on the work of a city missio center for so many days, and challer other church youth to accept simi responsibilities.

The objective of "friendship with Christ's people" has even more perso phases than these.

The Rewards

As they mature, Christian young peo and especially Christian couples find t the most rewarding and fruitful friendsh are those formed with other persons of interests and aspirations — that is, Christ young adults, who are trying to live th faith day by day. In the pattern of th good times, in the ways in which their c dren are reared, in the spirit shown tow one's life work, their Christian purp take definite, practical form — and it i fine and satisfying experience to live move among friends who are being simil guided and inspired by their loyalty Christ. The warmest and most abi friendships flow from these common in ests, from the similarity of attitudes tow life, its meaning, and its obligations.

The influence of wholesome good ti and responsible group living has in it an important bearing on the evange which a fruitful Christian church alv carries close to its heart. What we *d* our friendships can be even more impor than what we *say* as witnesses for Chris

As a personal day-by-day phase of C tian Endeavor's ongoing Crusade, let us solve that we shall be able to tell our N ter:

"*Your* friends . . . nearby and all arc the world . . . are *my* friends. *My* fri are *your* friends."

May we be able to say:

"I am helping other young adults young people to make new friends Christ and to witness that we of the ch work together so that all men, childre the same Father, are recognized and res ed as brothers."

Focusing on Youth

WATCHING CHRISTIAN YOUTH GO BY (upper left) — Dr. Daniel A. Poling (hat in hand), witnesses the parade of the New York Christian Endeavor Union at its convention in Kingston. Others on the reviewing stand are (left to right) Russell Gowdey, state president; Hilda Appelbaum, former president, and Oscar V. Newkirk, mayor of Kingston.

KEYSTONE ENDEAVORERS CONVENE (upper right) — A portion of the youth who attended the convention of the Pennsylvania Union are shown in the Siebert Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown. J. Allen Tucker, chairman, is addressing the gathering. (Photo by William D. McEachern)

ALABAMA YOUTH TRAIN TO SERVE (lower right) — A class studies Christian Endeavor principles and methods at state conference at Oak Mountain Park.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTED (lower left) — Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, president of Canadian Christian Endeavor Union, gives Glen Strome (right) check for $250.00 for winning the Christian Citizenship Contest conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Strome was the top contestant in Canada. The presentation was made at a Citizenship rally in Kitchener, Ontario.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS—Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, Chief Executive of Maryland, featured the Citizenship rally sponsored by the Christian Endeavor Unions of Frederick, Carroll and Montgomery, whose boundaries touch those of Howard County at Parr's Spring. Those shown (left to right) are: Mrs. Wilton J. Boswell, wife of Montgomery Union President; Mrs. Warren P. E. Smith, wife of Frederick Union President; Mrs. Roger Boone, wife of Carroll Union President; Mrs. McKeldin, wife of the Governor, Wilton J. Boswell, master of ceremonies, and Governor McKeldin. (Photo by Warren P. E. Smith)

What's One Vote Worth?

Romans 13:1-8; I Kings 19:9-12

Pattern for the Meeting

Today's topic is a timely one. This is the last Sunday before an important national election in the United States, one that will climax a hotly-contested campaign. The leader has a great opportunity, and he has much assistance. All the newspapers, magazines, radio and television programs, together with legions of orators, will be preparing your group for this meeting. This has been in process for a year and more. Build on the keen public interest. Doubtless many of the society will not be voting, but they are thinking and participating. They are preparing for many tomorrows and are laying the foundation for their citizenship principles. Gather together as much worthwhile material as possible to present at the meeting. *DO NOT* make it a "party rally," and avoid disparaging personal remarks about candidates. Remember that there are two or more sides, and all have equal rights to opinion and action. Let it not be a meeting of criticism, but of training and of constructive endeavor. Perhaps special decorations might be added to the meeting room, promoting all the political parties. Give special and different advance promotion. Invite the adults to attend, and perhaps have some brief messages. Possibly some citizenship leader could speak briefly. This could be a suitable time for a debate or for a mock political "campaign" on the Christian level, in which "candidates" from two or more "parties" might make speeches on the importance of vital issues, and of getting out the vote. At any rate, make it a different meeting and try to come out of it with some new citizenship ideals. Write the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio, for details of next year's Christian Citizenship Contest.

Aim of the Topic

To bring out ideals of Christian citizenship and to emphasize the importance of each individual's part.

Good Citizens

Every Christian must be a good citizen. This is required by the teachings of our faith and by the inner dictates of conscience. Today, so close to a vital national election, it will be well to review the necessity for every Christian to do his full duty to his country. Of course the obvious evidence of good citizenship this week will be voting, for every one who has that high privilege. There are many other ways than voting or serving in the military forces, however, to show loyalty to one's country. A full observance of her laws, the proper exercise of citizenship, the living of a life that reflects the spirit of a Christian nation, these are dynamic ways of proving our full worth to the good old U.S.A., or to our beloved Dominion.

We are citizens of two worlds, the earthly and the spiritual. If we do not take both into our thinking and so shape our lives as to be good citizens of both, we become unbalanced and one-sided. It is our duty to heed the teachings of our Lord, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25). He expects us to be good citizens of our earthly home, fulfilling our every duty, and also to be faithful citizens of His Kingdom. Our lives must count both for time and eternity.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the chief duty of the good citizen of a nation?
2. How is a Christian citizen different from others?
3. What is the greatest service a young Christian can render to his country:
   a) at election time?
   b) throughout the year?
4. Illustrate how important even one vote can be.
5. What could our society do to help in the election this year?
6. Is there some continuing citizenship project our society could engage in?

The Issue Is Vital

For well over a year we have been preparing for this week. Our homes have been bombarded with propaganda by television and radio, magazine and newspaper. Vast sums of money have been expended. Endless amounts of energy, time, "hot air" and promises have been put into the effort. Almost everyone has formed opinions, chosen favorite candidates, and done a fair amount of "electioneering" on his own. This week all the world will look with keen interest to the presidential contest in the United States. We are on the eve of another great national election, and in one of the most critical times in the world's history!

Everyone is deeply concerned. Even tho who cannot yet vote are deeply moved a rightly so. There is something for each o to do. It is the Christian and civic du of every eligible voter to go to the po on Election Day. Regardless of how vote, we should vote. This privilege franchise came to us at the cost of mu blood; it should be exercised with revere gratitude. All do not have it, even in o own country of nominal freedom. It is duty to our conscience and to our dem racy. Young people can share this thou with parents or friends and help them better citizens.

Even those who cannot vote can enga in efforts to "get out the vote." Boy Sco and Cubs are doing a fine service by passi out literature and information. Some G Scout units are acting as baby sitters duri voting hours. Others loan their cars a their time. Everyone can intelligently p ticipate as a Christian citizen. We sho vote always as Christians ought to vo and support our nations in a way that w aid in their becoming more Christian tions.

What IS One Vote Worth?

It is too easy, and too human a trait, say "Oh well, what difference can just person make?" Many a cause has been l by one vote, or for lack of one voice rai in defense. Do you remember the schoolbook story that told "For want o nail a kingdom was lost?" It told of a k in battle, whose horse lost successively nail from its shoe, the shoe, and finally rider because of a stumble due to the sh The king lost his army, the army lost battle, and they all lost their country. little cause brought a big effect. So little influence, whether it be vote, wo or deed, can make a tremendous differe in the long view of things.

On many occasions a few votes, or e one, have meant the difference between tory and defeat. In last year's election lack of twenty-nine names, out of more t five thousand possible, brought defeat t local option liquor control vote in a l community. A mayor was recently ele by a majority of three votes in a large Suppose those three had stayed home? a democracy every vote, and every life important. Each should be used to the g of God and the good of the nation.

A SEED THOUGHT

"I am only one, but I am on and God can use me."

Daily Readings

M., Oct. 27. Importance of a Few Righteous. Gen. 18:23-32.
T., Oct. 28. Importance of Small Things. Zech. 4:9, 10.
W., Oct. 29. Duties of a Christian Citizen. Titus 3:1-6.
T., Oct. 30. Influence of One Evil Woman. I Kings 21:25, 26.
F., Oct. 31. The Christian's Influence. Matt. 5:13-16.
S., Nov. 1. None Liveth to Himself. Rom. 14:7-9.
Sun., Nov. 2. Topic—What's One Vote Worth? Rom. 13:1-8; I Kings 19:9-12.

Television Can Get You

Genesis 13:10-13; Proverbs 4:20-27; Matthew 5:29

Our Aim

1. To gain standards on choosing what to see.
2. To discover what makes television good or bad.
3. To know how to use time wisely.

To the Leader

At the meeting before this one, ask the members of the group to come prepared to say which television program (of those they have seen recently) they liked best, and tell in one sentence why they considered it best.

Perhaps you will want to arrange with your counselor or an older person to talk on "Things We Should Look for in Television Programs." Your group may find this topic so interesting that they will want to spend more than one meeting on it.

The Meeting

Read the Scripture passages and explain. Good and evil seem to flourish side by side in this world. Sometimes it is difficult to tell what is good and what is bad. We need, therefore, to try to develop standards that will help us in choosing that which is good.

Television, like many other things, has much in it that is good, but there are also certain elements that are harmful. We need to learn to distinguish the good from the bad and to get the habit of thinking about what we see — not just accepting everything as true or valuable.

I. Programs That We Liked

What television programs have you seen that you thought were thrilling?

(Leader, list these on the blackboard as they are given. Warn the group not to mention just the television programs they saw recently, because they remember them best, but to try to think back over the year. When everyone has had a chance to express his opinion ask:

Why did you think this program you mentioned was thrilling?

Be sure to note the reasons that the members of the group give for considering certain programs thrilling. Then use this outline for discussing in detail a few of those suggested. Try to select programs for discussion that most of the members of the group have seen.

1. The Story

What did you like about the story? Were there any unusual happenings? What was the most important scene? Was this the turning point of the story? How was this made exciting? Was the interest built up gradually until this point was reached? How was it done?

2. The Setting

Were all the backgrounds luxurious? Were any scenes of poverty or even moderate prosperity shown? Were there any unusual lighting effects or any especially good photography?

Was there anything artificial about the setting?

3. The Characters

Was the acting good? Did you admire any of the characters? Why? What were their motives — their reasons — for doing as they did?

4. The Purpose

What was the purpose of the program? Did it aim to shock or to frighten you? To make you laugh? If it was a comedy, why was it funny? Was it clever or original? Was it vulgar at any point?

Did the play show that certain ways of acting bring certain results — for instance, that selfishness makes someone suffer? Or did the story seem to teach that wrong can be done without any evil consequences?)

II. Some Good Things About Television

Let the group list these. Likely the list will include: To pass the time; for recreation; to have a good laugh; to learn something about the world; to see the great personalities of the day; to learn the news and present history.

The programs give us information about people of other races and nations, and help us to understand them better.

We also learn about art and music.

We learn something about manners, and even how to speak correctly.

Daily Readings

M., Oct. 27. Seeing Temptation. Matt. 4:8-10
T., Oct. 28. The Lust of the Eye. I John 2:15-17
W., Oct. 29. Danger in Beholding Vanity. Psalm 119:33-37.
T., Oct. 30. Looking to be Saved. Num. 21:8, 9; John 3:14, 15.
F., Oct. 31. Looking to Jesus.
S., Nov. 1. Looking Heavenward. Isa. 40:26.
Sun., Nov. 2. Topic—Television Can Get You. Gen. 13:10-13; Prov. 4:20-27; Matt. 5:29.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON VIDEO

1. Susan just turns the dial to the home town station and listens to whatever happens to come out of the speaker. John reads the television program section of the newspaper, selects his interests, and finds the channel. Tom spends time twisting the dial to find programs that interest him. Which method is best? Why?

2. Ruth Ann's mother insists that she wastes time watching television. Ruth Ann says television isn't a waste of time because grams that come over television? she learns as she listens. With whom do you agree? What determines whether television wastes one's time or improves it?

3. What different kinds of programs may be seen on television? Is it wise to listen only to the kind that interest you, or is it wiser to see and listen to a variety of kinds?

4. What are some programs that families can enjoy as families?

5. What can we do to improve the pro-

III. Some Harmful Effects of Television

In what ways do you think television harmful?

(Leader, list the suggestions on the blackboard.) Perhaps these will be given:

Television sometimes has a bad effect on health.

Creates wrong ideas about other nations and races.

Presents only one side of a problem.

Gives us false ideas of success.

Makes us envious of others.

Encourages crime.

Shows war as desirable.

Encourages smoking, drinking, gambling.

Public Concern

This election is revealing the tremendous role television is playing in our national life. Television is persuasive as one sees the personality behind the words. Indeed, television is influencing our tastes and attitudes. Wrestling promoters report that their matches now attract many women who never came before but who have become interested from being forced by their husbands' interest to watch wrestling on television. More to the credit side, sales of classical records have climbed amazingly in recent years, and most observers credit this rise to the fact that many more people have become interested in that kind of music as the result of listening to it and seeing the symphony orchestras — certainly one of the finest achievements of the radio and television industry.

It goes without saying that we are influenced by the advertising that accompanies most radio and television fare. Its effect may be unconscious. Perhaps you are even so disgusted at the asinine "singing commercials" or by the obviously misleading bombastic claims for some product, that you declare you never will buy the product they praise. But surveys prove that often people choose a certain product just because they have heard its name and may not have heard that of another product offered.

For Your Church

Perhaps at the close of this meeting you will be able to make a list of really good television programs. If so, you might make a list of them and post it on your church bulletin board.

In answering question No. 5 your group may want to frame a protest against certain programs. Those who sponsor programs are very sensitive to the reactions of the public. The voice of the church needs to be heard in regard to programs that violate the public conscience.

As an outcome of this whole meeting there should be personal and group resolutions to use great care in selecting the television programs we will see.

This Is Africa!

Acts 16:6-10; John 3:18-21

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 3. Light for a Dark World. Isa. 9:2-7.
T., Nov. 4. The True Light. John 1:1-9.
W., Nov. 5. The Light of the World. John 8:12.
T., Nov. 6. The Everlasting Light. Isa. 60:19-22.
F., Nov. 7. Walking in the Light. John 12:35, 36.
S., Nov. 8. Christ Gives Light. Eph. 5:11-14.
Sun., Nov. 9. Topic—This Is Africa! Acts 16:6-10; John 3:18-21.

Pattern for the Meeting

The topic today brings into focus the interdenominational Foreign Mission study theme for 1952-53, which is "Africa." Next week, the Home Mission theme will be emphasized. Be sure to stress the foreign field this week, but relate the two together. The book entitled, "This Is Africa" by S. Franklin Mack will be most helpful if read by the leader and made available at the meeting. It only takes an hour to read and is very enlightening. It can be purchased from your denominational bookstore. See next week's "Pattern for the Meeting" and the books suggested.

In this meeting, attempt to place a burden on the heart of each one in regard to Africa, even if it be only the burden of their prayers.

Aim of the Topic

1. To give a better understanding of Africa and the life of the African peoples.
2. To encourage action in giving them help.

Africa Today

The average person does not know the true Africa. It is so large that its peoples are as vastly different as those of Europe. The world is changing, and so is Africa. Its sons have fought in two World Wars as ours have. Its colonial policies come under the United Nations. Its raw materials are everywhere in demand. Africa is rich in natural resources. It has over half of the world's known supply of radioactive ores including uranium. It has 98% of the world's diamonds, 50% of its palm oil and cacao, 40% of its gold, ¼ of its tin, 1/5 of its copper, and large quantities of peanuts, cotton, rubber, wool, phosphates, cobalt, manganese, and other vital raw materials. Only a very small portion of its land is cultivated, for from ½ to 2/5 is grassland and woodland, about ⅛ forest, and ¼ desert and steppes.

In Africa, it is believed that civilization first developed along the lower Nile nearly 6,000 years ago. North Africa has been much more closely related to Western Asia and Southern Europe than to the rest of Africa because of the thousand miles of the Sahara Desert. The African peoples can be divided roughly into four major and four minor groups. They are (1) The Hamites, supposedly descended from Ham (the second son of Noah); (2) the Semites, descendants of the Phoenicians and Moslem Arabs; (3) the Negroes, least touched by mixture with the Hamites and Semites; (4) the Bantu, a mixture of Negroes, Hamites, the Semites; (5) the Bushmen, thought to be the oldest inhabitants of Africa; (6) the Hottentots, remnants of a dying people, probably a mixture of Hamites and Bushmen, possibly driven south by invasions of war; (7) the Pygmies, possibly some of the original peoples of Africa, small in number, and noted for their extremely primitive life; (8) and the Europeans, some Afrikanders, descendants of the Dutch, and some British. Over a period of 300 years, it is judged that as many as 15,000,000 Negroes were taken out of Africa. It is not known how many died en route, but only a fraction arrived to become slaves.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. What did you learn new about the continent of Africa?
2. Is life there as you expected it was before this study?
3. What hope and future do you think Africa has?
4. Do we have any obligation in improving conditions there?
5. What effect would a greater preaching of the Christian Gospel have upon the "Dark Continent"?
6. What is our Missionary responsibility?
7. What can you do to help?

Life in Africa

South of the Sahara, Africa is a land of villages. There are hundreds of thousands of them on the slopes of steep mountains, spread on treeless plains, and hidden in deep forests and marshlands. Many of them continue to shift their location. Some villages, often only a double row of huts, are surrounded by mud walls or fences, but some have no such protection.

The main meal is eaten always at night and sometimes that is the only meal. It consists of steamed cassava or maize, boiled veal, yams or green bananas, made into a paste. A ball of mush is dipped into palm oil or gravy, and occasionally there is meat. The land is group-owned, and worked, and the crops are reaped, stored, cooked and eaten together by the group. Individuals have few possessions. Life in tribal Africa is often thought of as a beehive. There is work for everyone, but no room for freedom or individual initiative. In some tribes, marriage is planned in infancy, and often a down-payment is made, perhaps of cattle. The average woman does not prefer to be the only wife, as others help share the work in keeping the house and cultivating the fields. Africa is the second largest continent, but its industrial development is the smallest. Working and living conditions there are unhealthful, and food inadequate, resulting in much lung disease. This, together with liquor and vice, takes a terrible toll. In Africa, children learn by doing both in the home and afield. They are taught at an early age to be good husbands, wives, and parents. In many areas Christian missionaries have established the only successful schools. Even adults are beginning to receive modern instruction and specialized training.

Africa's Religion and Future

In general, the African villager is one who believes that there are spirits everywhere, in the trees, air, water, and every lifeless object. The life of the village is thought to be under direct control of this host of spirits. Not many realize that they also believe in a Supreme Being — in the sky, over all these spirits. Each tribe has its own name for Him, such as Creator, Giver, Maker, Founder, Molder, Guardian, Deliverer, and Goodhearted One. This One is only approached during serious or tragic circumstances such as drought. The Africans believe that the spirits of the dead live on. They have but one means to appease them. That is in the use of the fetish made of a collection of bones, twigs or dried leaves, daubed with the blood of sacrifice. The priest, performing a special ceremony, brings the troubling spirit into it. The witch doctor is often the only doctor available. He is thought of as a detective in finding the spirit causing the trouble.

Christianity's most important physical contribution has been that of modern medicine. In the early 1800's, nearly half the missionaries would die after an approximate service time of two and a half years. Medical science has cleaned up much of Africa's killing power. Missionaries are raising Africans for high responsibilities in the Church. One of the greatest handicaps is the presence of the many divisions of the Christian Church which the African cannot understand. Another is the un-Christian attitude of many white Europeans and Americans in Africa.

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A SEED THOUGHT

"Too many of our people still hold the Bible in both hands. One hand should hold the Bible, but the other hand, a skilled hand, should hold a plow, a saw, a drill."

John A. Reuling

Intermediate

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Light for a Dark Continent

Isaiah 9:2-7

Our Aim

1. To gain an introduction to the great challenges given by Africa to Christianity.
2. To have an acquaintance with the peoples of Africa.
3. To share through our churches the gospel with African youth.

Material Needed

The interdenominational foreign mission study theme adopted for 1952-53 by the churches in the United States and Canada is "Africa." An interesting presentation may be given of the missionary work on that continent. The story of the recent efforts of Dr. Frank Laubach and his literacy campaign will be challenging. A wealth of information is available on the opportunities for Christianity in Africa. The study book for Intermediates entitled, "More About Africa," has been written by Helen E. Baker.

You will need also "Chana's Choice" by Rideout, $1.25, to pass around for individual reading.

These books and other material for reading and study on Africa may be secured through your denominational bookstores.

Have a display of books on Africa.

Suggested Program:

Song Service. Use missionary hymns.
Prayer for non-Christian lands.
Song.
Scripture Lesson.
Special missionary reading.
Topic: "How Can We Help Africa to Know Christ?"
(a) Talk: "A Call to Prayer," by the Leader.
(b) Talk: "A Call to Consecration," by the President.
(c) Talk: "A Call to Give," by the Treasurer.
Discussion—"Light for a Dark Continent."
Song or missionary story.
Questions:
(a) What have foreign missions done for the world?
(b) Why is the Missionary Challenge so urgent today?
(c) What is there about missions that appeals to you?
(d) What can our Christian Endeavor do for missions?
Closing song and benediction.

Introduction

It was the fate of an historically famous medical missionary, Dr. David Livingstone, that first turned the eyes of the world on Africa. On April 7, 1866, Dr. Livingstone, called by the natives "River Seeker," had set out from Mikindiny Bay and from that moment was not heard of again until November 10, 1871. He had gone to find the source of the Nile, and to convert and heal black people, most of whom had never before seen a white man. Anything could have happened to him, and the world was aroused as to his fate.

On January 8, 1871, Henry M. Stanley, a reporter for the *New York Herald* set out from Zanzibar to find Livingstone. For 236 days Stanley traveled over ravines, up marshy water-courses in which a man could sink to the neck in the holes where elephants had trod, through nights of sitting around the campfire shaking with ague and afraid to sleep because of the roaring of the lions. When more than half of the guides and porters were dead of exhaustion and disease and on the very day on which one of the last two donkeys had been seized by a crocodile, Stanley — a wasted shadow of what he had been — looked upon the face of the man he was seeking and said, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume."

"Yes," said Livingstone, lifting his sun helmet.

"I thank God, Doctor, that I have been permitted to see you."

"I feel most thankful that I am here to welcome you."

Stanley remained with Livingstone four months and then returned to tell the story to the world. What he had to tell opened up the continent of Africa, the second largest in the world.

DO YOU KNOW AFRICA?

1. Why did so many Europeans settle in Africa?
2. What is the state of African people in various sections?
3. What is at the basis of unrest in many sections?
4. Are African youth getting an education today?
5. What is our denomination doing in Africa?

A Map Talk

There are three Africas, each with its difficult problems.

Christian Africa is at the southern end of the continent where nearly fifteen million people live. This is more nearly evangelized than any other part of the continent. Along the Atlantic coast are many Christian missions. Dr. Albert Schweitzer is one of the most widely known of the Christian workers there.

Pagan Africa comprises the greatest solid mass of paganism on the earth.

Mohammedan Africa numbers at least forty millions of people spread over the vast regions from the equator to the Mediterranean Sea. With the exception of Abyssinia, Liberia and Sierra Leone, practically the whole of North Africa is under the sway of the false prophet, and even in the lands mentioned Mohammedans are entering.

For additional information use the book, "This Is Africa," by S. Franklin Mack (Friendship Press, 50c).

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 3. Isaiah Prophesies of Light. Isa. 60:19-22.
T., Nov. 4. The True Light. John 1:1-9.
W., Nov. 5. Jesus the Light of the World. John. 8:12.
T., Nov. 6. Christians the Light of the World. Matt. 5:14-16.
F., Nov. 7. Walking in the Light. John 12:35, 36.
S., Nov. 8. Christ Gives Light. Eph. 5:11-14.
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Meet Miss Soga

At the First World Conference of Christian Youth in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1939, the outstanding young woman was a delegate who wore sweater and skirt, Mina Soga. She was alert, had humor and sympathy and deep consecration. When Miss Soga spoke to us we felt that the people of Africa had something great to share with us. She led a worship service and we said the Africans have great spiritual gifts. She was typical of Africa's Christian youth.

An African startled a missionary recently by asking him, "How is the war going in Korea?" Is this typical of the new African youth?

Why Be Concerned?

Why study about Africa? Because it is a land about which too few of us are up to date in our knowledge and thinking. Because thousands of Africans left their villages to go into the armed forces in World War II and into mines and smelting factories to provide the manpower and resources which helped the United Nations win the war. Because the United States and Britain depend on Africa for many raw materials and foodstuffs, for example, margarine. Because 10 per cent of our American citizens are descendants of the peoples of Africa. Because during this past decade we have expanded our trade with Africa over 100 per cent and Africans have, in turn, learned to like tinned meats, shower baths, and chocolate and will want to trade with us for these and other things. Because, as the crow flies, we are neighbors: the city of Capetown, one of the world's most important ports, is only twenty-four air hours from New York City. Because our Protestant Church has had such faith in the future of the peoples of Africa that it has for nearly a half a century been sending its resources and the finest of its youth and talent to help shape that future.

What Can We Do?

I. Pray. Prayer is one of the ways in which we can all help foreign mission work.

II. A Call to Consecration. Dr. John R. Mott, in his book entitled "The Present World Situation," says: "To meet the present colossal world situation, great spiritual forces must be released."

III. A Call to Give. All of us are not called to go to the foreign fields, but we may have representatives there whom we are supporting by our prayers and our money. The church must release more of its wealth in the interest of non-Christian lands. If we gave to missions half of what we spend on amusements, the missionary force could be doubled.

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Religious Liberty In America

John 8:31,32; Galatians 5:1-6

Pattern for the Meeting

This topic is written in connection with the inter-denominational Home Missions theme for 1952-53, "Home Missions and Human Rights." It would be well for the leader to secure the book "How!" from a denominational bookstore for 50c. This book in a fascinating way tells how home missions work for human rights. It inspires the reader to do something for this worthy cause. Dr. Richard O. Comfort has written a book which is a study course for young people on this subject. This may also be secured from the same company. As a result of this meeting, the young people as a group, or individually, should be inspired to do something toward helping others less fortunate to enjoy their proper rights.

Aim of the Topic

1. To point out that there is religious liberty in the United States and Canada.
2. To show that something can be done, and is being done, in the field of human rights.

Freedom OF Religion

In this great America, it is most fortunate that "freedom of religion" is one of the four freedoms. This is a privilege, but it is more; it is a duty, that every person choose which faith he wishes to follow. There are more than Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish divisions. Following is a list of others, some of which are considered part of the Protestant faith, and some which definitely stand alone. They are: Adventists, Unitarians, Christian Scientists, Pentecostal Bodies, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons or Latter-Day Saints, Mennonites, Salvation Army Groups, Spiritualists, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. There is a great freedom of choice, and of practice.

After discovering what group agrees with his beliefs and understanding, it is the individual's privilege to choose in what church he prefers to worship. Often, there are several churches of the same general belief in one city or neighborhood. Next, each one is at liberty to practice what he believes. Among the above groups, there are many different beliefs regarding the following and countless other subjects: healing of the sick, the second coming of Christ, diet and health observances, types of pastors or leaders, saluting the flag and giving of allegiance to the nation, participating in warfare, understanding regarding the Word of God, polygamy, interpretation of the Trinity, use of oaths, forms of baptism, observance of the Lord's supper, the washing of feet as a religious ceremony, kiss of peace, Apostles' Creed, use of liturgies, the significance of the resurrection, prayer, membership in secret societies, use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco, military form of organization, communication with the dead, belief regarding Christ, forms of worship, attitude toward spiritual leaders, etc. Each one is expected to practice his own beliefs, so long as they are lawful, and do not interfere with others' rights.

A SEED THOUGHT

"One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Discuss.

THINK AND ACT

1. How do you interpret religious freedom? (freedom of religion or freedom from religion?) Why? What is the difference?
2. How much do you know of the controversial subjects referred to in paragraph two under the heading "Freedom of Religion"? Discuss their meaning and significance.
3. What can a church do to help assure equal human rights to all human beings?
4. With what near-by mission field could your society co-operate, by giving either time or money? What far field is there?
5. How can you alone help the cause of human rights, as pointed out by the current Home Missions theme?
6. Plan something that you will do in the near future.

Freedom FROM Religion

Foolishly some think that our freedom concerning religion is freedom *from* it. There is no law to make one worship and practice Christianity. "So I won't," is what we hear sometimes. Too frequently we find those willing to live for themselves and for the things of the world, rather than for their Christ. "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die" is their motto. Christians believe that there is no substitute for Christ and His way of living. They do not want to be "free from" religion, but "free for" it. The State must be free from religion, free from taking orders from its agencies, but must necessarily be enriched by its influence, and by those in it who practice their faith consistently.

Home Missions Work For Human Rights

Home Mission programs are doing much to protect human rights on the North American continent, but they need the help of all. There is work to be done by churches, youth groups, and by individuals. In the book "How!" mentioned earlier, examples of what others are doing is given, and it inspires those who read it to greater action.

Tyndale House in Montreal, Canada is a community center under the direction of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Many of the now happy children come from over crowded tenements and wretched back grounds. They share stories, music and healthful activity together. Their older brothers, sisters and parents are also given the right to work, play, and worship together. This center not only receives help from churches who want them to share freedom, but they through their organization are able to help other unfortunate ones. The East Harlem Protestant Parish of New York City, has done a marvelous work among the Puerto Ricans, Negroes, and other groups. This is one of the areas of acute need in the United States today. These are but isolated examples of the great work being done by "those who care."

Youth groups and other organizations can contribute to Ecumenical Work Camps which enlist young people from various races, nations, and churches. These are groups of volunteers who work on projects of vital Christian concern. (See last chapter of "How!") Entertaining nearby share croppers or migrants in social programs or religious services, contributing toward hospitals that care for the colored and underprivileged; or looking for some poor or needy child who can be given happiness by attention; these are all outlets for our "missionary" zeal.

Individuals are too often inclined to feel ineffectual in being able to help another enjoy his "human rights." Again, in the book "How!" it is shown how a very young man, wanting to be a minister, but not having the necessary finances to make it possible, hearing of a tremendous need, answered it with only ten cents. He remembered his grandmother's words when he was a child, "A little bit blessed by the Lord goes a long way, Willie Lee. God make the miracle." Later when Willie Lee Buffington heard that his Uncle Eury was going to teach in the new Saluda County Negro School where there was no library, Willie Lee was concerned. With his ten cents, he bought five two-cent stamps, and wrote five letters to ministers, whose names he found in magazines, asking for books. Four brought no reply, but one brought more than a thousand books. The idea caught fire, and the Faith Cabin Library Movement spread rapidly. There are now more than sixty of these extraordinary libraries. It all started with ten cents and one individual.

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 10. Free to Assemble. Acts 1:1-4
T., Nov. 11. Free to Worship. Psalm 96:9, 10
W., Nov. 12. Free to Preach. Acts 4:23-33
T., Nov. 13. Free to Do Good. Luke 6:31, 36
F., Nov. 14. Free to Witness. Mal. 3:16-18
S., Nov. 15. Warning Against Abuse. Gal. 5:13-15
Sun., Nov. 16. Topic—Religious Liberty in America John 8:31, 32; Gal. 5:1-6.

Intermediate

November 16, 1952

Wholesome Homes for Others

Matthew 25:31-46

Our Aim

1. To consider the home missions study unit for this year.
2. To give Intermediates a chance to learn of all people's rights to happiness, education, community life and equality.
3. To see how young people can help build Christian homes.

Advance Preparation

This topic is in connection with the home mission theme of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education for 1952-53, namely, "Home Missions and Human Rights." Information can be given of the conditions in some of the countries, cities, and rural areas which make Christian home life almost impossible. Discuss some of the constructive things which Christian Endeavor societies and other church groups are doing and can do to help make it possible for young people to build Christian homes. Lucille E. Hein has written a pamphlet, "When Given a Chance" (35c), for Intermediates themselves and also one for leaders, "A Program Guide Related to 'When Given a Chance'" (50c), which will be valuable in developing this subject. Chapter II in the book, "Home Missions and Human Rights," by Richard O. Comfort gives useful information. These and other publications may be secured from your denominational bookstore.

Suggested Program

A Missionary Sing.
Season of Prayer for Home Missions and Missionaries.
Song.
Scripture lesson read by three members.
Leader's Talk: "Why I Believe in Home Missions."
Three Minute Talks: Letters from Home Missionaries.
Assign topics for discussion previous to meeting.
Special musical number.
Missionary reading by a member.
Seek further Questions:
(a) Why are you a missionary enthusiast?
(b) Who is your favorite home missionary? Why?
(c) How has Christian Endeavor helped Home Missions?
(d) What is the relation of Home and Foreign Missions?
Closing song and benediction.
Different phases of Home Mission work may be presented by members. Home Missions among Immigrants; Home Missions in the Slums; Home Missions on the Frontiers; Home Missions in Rural Communities; Home Missions in the Crowded Cities, etc., are suggestive themes.

Home Mission Pioneering

In 1892 Miss J. P. Muir started the "Fireside School" for negroes. Parents and children pledged themselves to daily Bible reading and study in the family circle. More than ten thousand families are enrolled.

Social settlements are not usually reckoned as home missions, yet that is what they are. Settlements seek to reach the spirit through ministering to the social needs.

Rescue missions are doing a great work and are home missionary enterprises. The lesson of the lives of rescue workers is that to win men and women we must love them and carry their sorrows.

Norman McLeod, pioneer missionary to the Mormons, boldly preached for two years under threats of death, and left only upon the murder of his assistant, King Robinson.

Today in every city there are churches started through the efforts of home mission enterprises of the denominations or individuals concerned about having a church in the neighborhood. Relate to the Home Mission study text material the struggle of groups for equality and educational opportunities.

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 10. Submitting Ourselves. I Peter 5:5-7.
T., Nov. 11. None Liveth to Himself. Rom. 14:7-9.
W., Nov. 12. A Home of Affection. John 11:1-5.
T., Nov. 13. Little Children Important. Mark 10:13-16.
F., Nov. 14. A Prominent Family Baptized. Acts 16:14,15.
S., Nov. 15. A Jailer's Family Converted. Acts 16:25-34.
Sun., Nov. 16. Topic—Wholesome Homes For Others. Matt. 25:31-46.

What Missions Have Done for Our Country

America is the land of problems as well as of opportunity. With all her great material resources, her vast extent of territory, her ever-increasing population, her enormous wealth, her great cities, her great institutions of learning, her great philanthropies, her many and effective churches, America is the central battle-ground of Christian civilization. Here are being worked out and fought out, the great social, economic and religious problems of our day.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What can our Christian Endeavor do to aid the pastor in securing the interest and attendance of non-church goers in our community to attend our church?
2. What practical things can we do to reach and help other nationality or racial groups in our community?
3. Invite a City Mission worker or representative of some Christian service organization to speak to you.
4. How do Christian homes strengthen home mission endeavors?
5. Is there need in your community for home mission work?

In America we see Christianity at its best, free, vigorous, and independent. If the Christian Church can adapt its message and methods to the saving, the Christianizing of America, to the practical solution of her social and economic and religious problems, she can do so throughout the world. She will then continue to lead in the great moral and religious progress of the nations of the world. But, if the Church fails in America to keep pace with the material and numerical growth of her people and fails in her power to solve the many perplexing problems and to curb the threatening evils in her midst, what can she hope to offer the non-Christian peoples of the world?

But the Christian Church has not failed in the past to meet her opportunities and responsibilities in America, neither will she fail in the future to rise in her divine strength to meet the ever changing conditions that confront her. The most hopeful sign of the times is to see that the united church of Christ is awake and alive to the greatness and seriousness of her task and with statesmanlike wisdom and apostolic courage she has set herself to the doing of it.

The churches of America are united in spirit and purpose and consecration as never before. We have come to understand that the task of the Church is too great and perplexing to be performed without the heartiest and most loyal cooperation. No longer competition but cooperation, consolidation is the motto. The National Council of the Churches of Christ in America has already done much to outline a common policy and a program of procedure in the solution of some of these great problems.

For Better Homes Through the Church

A study of the deadly perils to Christian home life today makes us want to discuss constructive things Christian Endeavor societies and members can do to build Christian homes. Here are elements that we can discuss.

1. *Love* — Marriage is not merely a union of two creatures; it is a union of two spirits. Love must be the controlling motive of the home life. Love enthroned in a family is a fortress against the invasion of deadly perils. "Love one another" is a great motto for a great home.

2. *Service* — Because of the loving service rendered in his home, Charles Kingsley said, "Home is to me the sweetest, the fairest, the most romantic thing in life, and there all that is best, and brightest in me shines with steady and purest lustre."

3. *Worship* — Someone has said, "Of all the forms of worship none, it seems to me, is more beautiful than that which we see

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How Jesus Expressed Thanksgiving

First Topic in a Series on "Examples From Jesus"

Matthew 11:25-27; 26:26-28; John 19:25-27

Pattern for the Meeting

This topic is the first in a series of four, entitled, "Examples From Jesus." As we approach Thanksgiving Day, the one day of the year when we take special thought of our many blessings, to give thanks for them, it is good to be reminded that Jesus gave thanks throughout His life. This topic will point out a few examples, showing His thanks to God His Father, thanks for God's Word and Way, thanks for His mother and friend, and His leaving a formula of thanksgiving for us.

The leader should strive to make each one desirous of making every day a time of thanksgiving. He should try to help each member find some way of making others happy and grateful.

Aim of the Topic

1. To show how Jesus expressed His thanks.
2. To make each one count his many blessings.

"I Thank Thee, O Father"

Jesus was thankful that God had inspired the writing of Holy Word so that those who truly desired to understand His Way, would be able to do so. His Word is not revealed necessarily to the wise and prudent, but to "His own." We find this thanks expressed in Matthew 11:25-27.

We, too, should be thankful that God's Word contains so much for us that we find something new each time we read it. We are made able to understand it, and be enriched, as God wants us to, and as He reveals it unto us. As Christ thanked God for this blessing, we should give thanks unto God for His many blessings.

"Know Ye Not — ?"

As a boy of twelve, Jesus showed His thanks to His Heavenly Father by taking time to worship and study in the temple. When Mary and Joseph journeyed homeward from the feast of the passover at Jerusalem, they found Jesus missing after a day's journey. After three days of searching, He was found in the temple with the doctors, listening to them and asking questions. When His parents inquired as to His reason for disappearance, He answered, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" They didn't understand His meaning, but Jesus was already beginning His life of thankfulness and sacrifice.

We, too, may show our thankfulness to Him, by studying His Word that is so freely made available to us. Parents do not always understand why their children study God's Word even today, but we are told "a little child shall lead them." The eyes of youth often see spiritual truths better than those of adults. This presents an opportunity for us to witness in our homes by reading the Bible. It is one way of giving thanks for God and for His Holy Word and His glorious Way of Life.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. **Name several blessings usually taken for granted and not fully appreciated.**
2. **Name special blessings you have, and that everybody else does not have.**
3. **Make a list of some of the ways Jesus expressed thanks. What others would you add?**
4. **What can you do to bring happiness and blessing to someone else? What can your society do?**
5. **Can you express thanks today for the same things Jesus did? (as listed in question three above.)**
6. **Do you take as much of God's time "thanking" Him, as you do "asking" Him? If so, how? If not, how can you?**
7. **What will you do this Thanksgiving to express your thanks to God that you have never done before?**
8. **What will you do to express your thanks to those about you?**

"Woman, Behold Thy Son"

Although Christ was suffering and dying upon the Cross, He did not forget those dearest to Him. In His willingness to die for all the world, He still remembered to care for His mother and His beloved disciple, John. As He looked down from the cross, and saw His mother and John, who so well understood Him, He said, "Woman, behold thy son. Behold thy mother." From that time, John took her to his own home. He showed His thankfulness and gratitude to them, by placing them in each other's care. We, too, must show our gratitude for our parents and friends, by thoughtfully caring for them, according to their needs.

"This Do In Remembrance of Me"

Jesus founded a fellowship of believers to whom He left the formula of thanksgiving as seen in the Communion of the Lord's Supper. As He gave thanks and instructed His disciples in their remembrance of Him, He re-affirmed the principle of giving thanks in all things (Matthew 26:27,28). It is th duty and privilege of all church membe and believers in Christ, to be in their plac of worship when the opportunity of con munion is given. He taught "this do in re membrance of Me." Each one should ea gerly remember Him, remember His givin Himself for us, remember His own Chris tian duty — and give thanks.

"Giving Thanks Always For All Things"

Ephesians 4:18-20 tells us wisely, "— b filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselve in psalms and hymns and spiritual song singing and making melody in your heart t the Lord; giving thanks always for all thing unto God and the Father in the name of ou Lord Jesus Christ." What a wonderfu teaching for every Christian to follow! B singing hymns, and spiritual songs, and mak ing melody in the heart, one can give thank in the name of Christ. When one perso does something for another, gratitude shown by speaking of it and being happy Can less appreciation be shown the Make and Savior of the world?

"Where are the Nine?"

Jesus expects thanks, and when it is given it must be heart-warming to Him. In Luk 17:17, He says, "Were there not te cleansed? Where are the nine?" Ten leper had come to Him to be cleansed, beggin His mercy. He cleansed all ten, but onl one turned back and thanked Him, glorify ing God. Jesus hoped the others would, bu they did not. They took time to ask a spe cial blessing, but had no time to show the appreciation. The lepers were no differen than many people in our midst today.

Count Your Blessings

A favorite hymn selection reminds one t count his blessings, naming them one b one. This is a time when each one should d just that, whether discouraged, over-bu dened, jealous of others' blessings, or wha ever the trouble. Each one has many bles ings that can be counted and named, an that money cannot buy. Let us be grateful

"Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your blessings,
See what God hath done.
So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end
Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God hath done."

A SEED THOUGHT

"Thanksgiving is thanks-living."

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 17. The Sacrifice of Praise. Heb. 13:12-15.
T., Nov. 18. Showing Thanks by Fruit-Bearing. John 15:5-8.
W., Nov. 19. Showing Thanks with One Mind. Rom. 15:5-7.
T., Nov. 20. Rejoicing in Thanksgiving. Isa. 61:10, 11.
F., Nov. 21. Exalting God. Psalm 34:1-3.
S., Nov. 22. Thanks before Meals. Matt. 15:36-38.
Sun., Nov. 23. Topic—How Jesus Expressed Thanksgiving. Matt. 11:25-27; 26:26-28; John 19:25-27.

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A Lad Shares His Lunch

First Topic in a Series on "New Testament Youth Grow"

John 6:5-14

Our Aim

1. To see how God blesses those who trust Him.
2. To evidence gratitude for God's blessings.
3. To gain new lessons in stewardship.

The Little That Was Needed

Imagine yourself the little boy who started it with his lunch that day almost two thousand years ago. No doubt he had heard of the great teacher and the crowds that were following him. He, too, wanted a chance to listen and perhaps find playmates in the crowd. Many in that crowd did not have their lunches. As lunchtime came Jesus' disciples asked that he send them away so that they might go to the village and eat. You have heard the story of what followed. Can you imagine what the boy felt like when Jesus called for his lunch that it might be shared with others?

Perhaps he felt as we so often do that he was very small and unimportant and that he had nothing worthwhile to give. Yet that little was just the thing that was needed at that time.

Five Kernels of Corn

Thanksgiving Day of 1621 on bleak New England shores found the Pilgrims fairly well supplied with food. Stores brought from England were unexhausted and the first harvest had been favorable. Sterner times were to come, however, and the winter of 1623 witnessed a very serious famine. Corn became so scarce that, finally, Governor Bradford allowed but five grains a day to each person. The fate of the whole Plymouth enterprise hung in the balance.

In subsequent and more prosperous years the experiences of that bitter winter were recalled by a devout and pretty custom. Before the Thanksgiving dinner was served, five kernels of corn were placed beside each plate as a reminder of the sacrifices and the courage of the sturdy pioneers. It is, indeed, a remarkable fact that no Pilgrim, even in the darkest days, suggested giving up the settlement and returning to England. No one refused to take the burden of his own share of the common poverty. The spirit of Thanksgiving must have been hard pressed, but it survivied.

This historic fact of five kernels of corn makes us think of the lad with the five loaves and two fishes. Review the story of the Bible text.

Better Giving

1. *The Giving of Self.* — This lad who shared his five loaves and two fishes teaches us that better giving must begin with the giving of self. Christ understood profoundly the requirements of the human soul, the laws of its development, and He says we must forsake our own carnal self to follow Him in order that we may find our larger life in His life. We cannot consistently claim to be following Christ unless we deny ourselves, take up our cross and go to our Calvary, the crucifixion of our carnal selfhood through an uttermost consecration.

2. *The Giving of Service.* — With the giving of self there naturally follows the giving of service to God. The Son of Man came to minister, and we can have no greater motto for our lives than this.

3. *The Giving of Substance.* — God is the owner of all things, for the earth is the Lord's. He is the Creator of the universe, and all things are his. Therefore, we are merely stewards of the things we possess. As stewards we must give an account of our use of God's money. The tithe acknowledges God's ownership on God's own terms. "The tithe is the Lord's."

TO PROVOKE DISCUSSION

1. Why do you like the lad in the Bible story?
2. When Jesus asks us to share why is it difficult to be selfish?
3. What happens to the person who tithes?
4. Why should citizens of the United States and Canada be grateful to God?
5. Are we to tithe our time as well as our money?
6. Is it possible to say and think we have consecrated our possessions yet in everyday life be using them selfishly with little regard for the glory of God and the good of others?

Blackboard Talk

Print on the board a large copy of a promissory note: "For value received, I promise to pay —— years after date, to ————————, ———————— dollars, at —— interest per annum." Explain to the Intermediates what this means and fill in the blanks for an imaginary loan.

Then talk about what God has given us as a loan. The lines of the promissory note should be far apart, so that much can be written between them in colored chalk. Above the words "value received" write down from the Intermediate's dictation all the common blessings which the group tells you about.

Now what are they to give in return for all of this? They cannot give back the same kind of things, as the borrower can return money for money. God does not want this. What does He want? By questioning bring out that he wants prayers, thought, study, love, giving, etc., — and put these words over the blank preceding "dollars" in the promissory note.

To whom are we to pay when we owe God? He does not want us to pay to Him. There are millions of people to whom we should pay. Write down, above the blank introduced by "to ————————," the classes to whom we are to repay the gifts of God: the heathen, the poor, the ignorant, the sick, the sad.

There remains the question of time. When are Intermediates to begin to pay the debt? Fill that blank with the one word "Now!"

Support the Church

The boy or girl who gives in the offering only what his parents hand out to him on Sunday morning is missing something. In Old Testament times the law required that people give one-tenth of all their earnings. Many Christians follow this practice and find it helpful. Some give more because they find they are able to do so.

By giving to the church you can help in many places. First of all you are helping to keep your own church going. Then some of your money, no doubt, is sent to help in the mission work of the church. Through your giving you can reach out to many parts of the earth and serve others there.

Be Grateful

Some may ask why we should be thankful today when so many are deprived of many of life's necessities. But we may be thankful for the things that money cannot buy: love, friendships, health, and God's unfailing promises.

If the Pilgrim Fathers could get down on their knees and thank God that their lives had been spared to face new hardships and to endure, how much more thankful we should be in an age of comforts and luxuries.

Paul, writing to the Thessalonians, said: "In everything giving thanks." That is a sweeping and unqualified statement which expresses an appropriate sentiment, not only for Thanksgiving Day, but for every day. We may develop this spirit of constant thankfulness by giving less thought to our self-sufficiency and more to our dependence on the mercy and the providence of God.

Could the lad who shared his lunch with Jesus and the great crowd gathered on the hillside that day ever forget his experience? Could he forget the marvelous way Jesus had taken his humble lunch and multiplied it for the crowd to be fed? Could he forget the thoughtfulness of Jesus for others?

Something happened to that lad that day even though the Scriptures make no further mention of him. He had a first-hand experience with Christ which affected tremendously his life. His faith in God must certainly have had a great boost.

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 17. Sharing Our Testimony. Isa. 43:10-12.
T., Nov. 18. Sharing Encouraging Words. Isa. 41:6-10.
W., Nov. 19. Sharing Our Strength. Rom. 15:1-6.
T., Nov. 20. Sharing Our Experiences. Luke 24:13-15.
F., Nov. 21. Sharing With the Needy. Isa. 58:6-11.
S., Nov. 22. Sharing Our All. Mark 12:41-44.
Sun., Nov. 23. Topic—A Lad Shares His Lunch. John 6:5-14.

How Jesus Dealt With Individuals

Second Topic in a Series on "Examples From Jesus"

John 4:1-26; Mark 10:17-22

Pattern for the Meeting

This meeting is the second in a series entitled "Examples From Jesus." It is designated to bring out the methods our Lord used in His dealings with individuals. A careful study of this method will give a better understanding of Him and will help young people in *their* leadership. The Master's careful consideration of each individual should be noted. Last week we considered how He expressed thanksgiving; let each one now attempt to share this spirit. Use Bibles as much as possible and seek to make this meeting a time of exploring His thinking. Think of as many examples as possible. Have the young people contribute personal experiences. Perhaps plans can be made for a follow-up experience.

Aim of the Topic

To better understand the methods of Jesus.

To learn how to bring out the best in ourselves and others.

Each One Is Valuable

Jesus Christ dealt with the people on the basis of their individual worth and needs. He often amazed those about Him, even His closest friends, with His evaluation of individuals. Every life and soul is important to Him. We find countless examples in the Scriptures of His compassionate dealing with various people, some noble and promising, others sinful and degenerated. In each example we see Him probing the depths of the life, seeing what others could not see and having faith in the development of the highest potential. Among the many outstanding examples are the Samaritan woman at the well, Simon the Pharisee, Mary Magdalene, the unknown leper whom He healed, and Matthew the tax collector. Look these up in your Bibles to review the circumstances and results. In His relationships with His own disciples, Jesus showed His concern and His faith. His understanding attitude toward them was indeed the basis for the Christian teaching of love.

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 24.	One Leper Cleansed.	Matt. 8:1-4.
T., Nov. 25.	One Taxgatherer Called.	Luke 19:1-10.
W., Nov. 26.	One Rabbi Instructed.	John 3:1-16.
T., Nov. 27.	One Woman Healed.	Luke 8:43-48.
F., Nov. 28.	One Sinner Saved.	Luke 23:39-43.
S., Nov. 29.	One in a Hundred.	Luke 15:3-7.

Sun., Nov. 30. Topic—How Jesus Dealt with Individuals. John 4:1-26; Mark 10:17-22.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Man judges by what man is; God judges by what man may become."

By our practice of this love are we known as His disciples. As we pursue this good course, so will the world recognize us as Christians. John 3:16 gives the key to God's love and to His estimate of the individual. Christ said in effect that as He had loved us, so also should we love one another. As He deals lovingly and hopefully with us, so should we also deal with each other. Every person is a potential son of God. The church is itself a fellowship of individual believers who obey His commandments. Through this agency our Lord would win the world, beginning with the individual.

Winning By Teaching

Jesus was, and is, the greatest leader the world has ever known. He was the wisest teacher and the most successful. Let us note the character of His teaching as He dealt with individuals.

First, He was ever aware that He was teaching *persons;* they were sacred, timeless lives. His lessons were not mere presentations of subject matter. They were the application of living truth to His children, who could make them come alive in everyday living. The Christian religion encompasses *all* of life. Jesus did not teach about regeneration as a subject; He simply talked to Nicodemus about his inner need and a new spiritual birth. He ever saw the present need and the future possibility.

Second, He taught frequently in stories and simple, homely illustrations. Parables formed a large part of the teaching. These "earthly stories with heavenly meaning" brought His message and His challenge down to everyday living, to the practical level of understanding. The picture of Him as the Shepherd, us as the sheep was real to His hearers. The parable of the Good Samaritan, the sower, the sheep, the white harvest, etc., made His message crystal clear. Even His teaching in paradox was most convincing. "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:39), and again, "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first" (Matthew 19:30). These quickened men's thinking and response. He taught also with the "learning by doing" technique, and by personal example. His taking of the towel and washing the feet of His disciples was vastly more effective than volumes of teaching on humility or hours of speaking. He showed His teac ing by His own life. Then He sent His f lowers out to reproduce this teaching their daily lives.

Third, His message is timeless and u versal. The wisdom that He imparts and t blessed hope that He offers are need equally by the highest and the lowest. H "Come unto Me" are as welcome to a nak savage as to a Doctor of Philosophy. T learned have to look up to Him, and t child understands Him. Every human cr ture longs for immortality in peace. Hen when He says, "He that believeth in M though he were dead, yet shall he live: a whosoever liveth and believeth in Me sh never die" (John 11:25,26), His invitati is convincing and satisfying. It is small wo der that the people said that He taught One having authority, and that they "hea Him gladly."

We Are Next

The messages and methods of our Lord a so timeless that we today may put oursel in the places of the disciples of old. C personal needs are the same as theirs; t needs of the world are greater. His cl voice speaks to us today for His ageless lo is undimmed. Not everyone that beholds t Christ follows Him, but all are impress The wise follow. Christ will deal with ea one according to the need of each. knows what is in man and what is in G and longs to bring the two together. come to the Father by Him — and one one, separately.

LET'S THINK FURTHER

1. **How does Jesus deal with individua today?**
2. **How are needs today different than i Christ's day on earth?**
3. **How much do we really want the Lor to deal with our problems? Why?**
4. **What characteristics of Jesus' teaching ar revealed in the following situations o stories?**
   - **a. The Samaritan woman at the well**
   - **b. Mary Magdalene's cleansing from sev en devils**
   - **c. Parable of the Good Samaritan**
   - **d. Simon the Pharisee**
   - **e. Healing of the leper**
   - **f. Forgiving of the woman taken in adu tery**
   - **g. The calling of Matthew**
   - **h. Relationship between the Shepherd an sheep**
   - **i. The parable of the one lost sheep**

Intermediate

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Timothy Grows in Service

Second Topic in a Series on "New Testament Youth Grow"
Acts 16:1, 2; 17:13-15; I Thessalonians 3:1-7; I Timothy 1:3

Our Aim

1. To appreciate the personality and dedication of this outstanding Bible youth.
2. To witness Timothy's spiritual growth.
3. To see Timothy as a Christian worker in training.

Who Is Timothy?

A native of Lystra, son of a Jewess and Greek, Timothy received very careful religious training from early childhood and was probably converted at the time of Paul's first visit to Lystra. When the Apostle, seven years later, again visited this region, he found Timothy "well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium," and admirably qualified for evangelistic work. At once Paul set him apart for this special work, and thence forward he was one of the most constant and faithful of the great Apostle's companions.

Timothy, Paul's Disciple

Timothy followed Paul as the Apostle followed Christ.

Timothy was won to Christ by Paul. The apostle addressed him as "my beloved son." In his fellowship with Paul on the great missionary journeys Timothy must have caught Paul's great love for Christ. Paul speaks of Timothy's unfeigned faith which also his mother and grandmother had in rare degree. As he calls him, he reminds Timothy of the gift of God which was recognized and rededicated at his ordination. He calls upon Timothy to stir it up and keep blazing that gift so that his ministry might still be more effective and fruitful.

As Paul approached the end of his career he was happier seemingly over his relation to Timothy than anything else. Upon this son in the gospel he craves a triple blessing from the divine Father and Son.

Dangerous Assignments

On a number of occasions Paul sent Timothy on dangerous missions. You might trace these in your Bible and get more data on the same.

Once he was left with Silas in Berea when persecution initiated by Jews from Thessalonica made it advisable for Paul to be escorted to the sea and on to Athens (Acts 17:14).

When Paul was anxious about the fate of Christians in Thessalonica, he sent Timothy there to comfort and strengthen them (1 Thess. 3:1-2).

When the Church at Corinth — selfish and proud, gifted and corrupted by many evils, was having difficulty, Paul sent Timothy there that he might attempt to lead the church back to righteousness (1 Cor. 4:17). These were not assignments which would have been given to a coward. Paul felt that Timothy had the *courage* for these difficult and dangerous tasks.

Timothy suffered at least one imprisonment. The writer of Hebrews (13:23) stated that Timothy had just been set at liberty. This was possibly an imprisonment in Rome. At the close of his last letter, written while in prison and facing death, Paul asked Timothy to come to him (2 Tim. 4:21). Some had forsaken Paul; others were away on assignments. Paul longed for Timothy's companionship in those dark hours. But to join Paul would be to risk his fate. We do not know that Timothy reached Paul, but there is at least the possibility that he did so and that he was imprisoned there. The release mentioned in Hebrews may have been from a Roman jail. If so, again Timothy was found to be a man of courage and one who forgot himself.

A Good Soldier

A choice passage is II Timothy 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Timothy was sent out for Christ as a good soldier is sent to the front. So, Paul says, let him be not of fearful spirit, timid and shrinking, but of power, love and courage, ready to stand the test of hard discipline. Let him not be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord nor of Paul the prisoner awaiting the executioner's sword. Let him suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God. Let him know and proclaim that gospel — a gospel of salvation not by works but by grace as God had planned; a salvation manifest in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior; a salvation accepted and proclaimed by Paul as preacher, Apostle and teacher. Finally let Timothy follow Paul in suffering, in courage, in faith and in hope.

Timothy Failed Once

Timothy was unsuccessful at Corinth. This church was in a desperate condition. Paul warned Timothy the Corinthians might "count him nothing" (I Cor. 16:10-11). In writing to Timothy Paul cautioned him against giving any occasion to despise him (I Tim. 4:12). Timothy was not stern enough to deal with the situation. His tenderness made it difficult to be brutally frank in dealing with others.

Timothy's Greatness

Timothy forgot himself in the interest of others, his work reveals. By Paul, who doubtless knew him as few others did, this trait was best appreciated. He often relied upon it.

In his disposition to forget himself, Timothy reflected that which is most essentially Christian. God is "love" and that love is the disposition to forget self, to relate oneself to another for his good, and to do so regardless of cost or consequence. At the cross we see this disposition in its strongest expression.

Timothy Grew Constantly

To become Christ-like is the highest human achievement. Timothy's whole life was one of training in godliness, prayer, faith, fellowship, courage, endurance, hope, doctrine, and fidelity. Trace this growth as you search Biblical passages about Timothy.

The basic reason for his growth was faithfulness to Christ. We find it in Paul's two challenges: (1) Hold fast the pattern of the sound teaching of the Word of God. That is, keep to the example there given and also heard from Paul. Model life and labor after that and not after tradition or worldly wisdom. (2) Guard through the Holy Spirit the precious truth of the gospel which is necessary to man's salvation, sanctification and service.

Daily Readings

M., Nov. 24. Paul Finds a Companion. Acts 16:3-5.
T., Nov. 25. Good Family Background. II Tim. 1:1-6.
W., Nov. 26. A Faithful Worker. I Cor. 4:17.
T., Nov. 27. Instructed as a Youth. I Tim. 4:10-13.
F., Nov. 28. A Solemn Charge. II Tim. 4:1-5.
S., Nov. 29. Called on a Special Mission. II Tim. 4:9-11, 21, 22.
Sun., Nov. 30. Topic—Timothy Grows in Service. Acts 16:1, 2; 17:13-15; I Thess. 3:1-7; I Tim. 1:3.

KNOW THE ANSWERS?

1. How did Paul choose Timothy?
2. What was Paul's charge to Timothy?
3. What are the qualities of a "good soldier of Jesus Christ"?
4. What makes a good workman in the Christian Kingdom?
5. How did Timothy become a good preacher?
6. How did Timothy become a good teacher?
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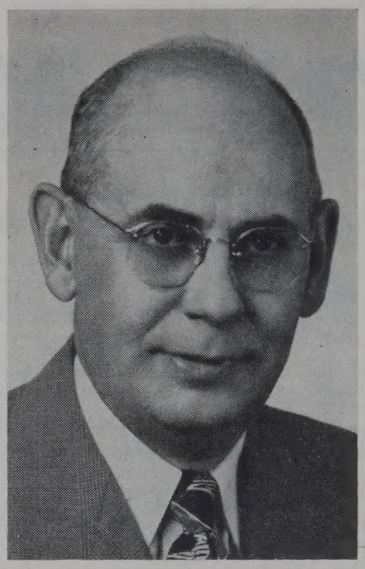

Denver Chairman . . .

William Earl Martin has been selected as the head of the local arrangements committee for the 42nd Convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor to be held in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27. Mr. Martin, who has been a Denver resident many years, is vice-president of Van Schaack and Company, Denver, one of the largest real estate organizations west of the Mississippi River.

Twelve Life Work Recruits

Twelve young people answered the call for Christian Life Work at the decision service of the Texas Christian Endeavor Convention. They are Helen Baker, Omelia Cleveland, Hazel Elliott, Betty Jo Hardcastle, Barbara Hargraves, Mary Anne Lemley, Joyce Lumpkin, Jim Meloy, Henry Saucier, Nelda Thomas, Chere Wiggins, and Frankie Williams.

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The African wants freedom. The Charter f the United Nations has brought him new ope. The Belgian policy is slowly extend- g self-government to larger and larger seg- ents of the population. Increased attention being given to the training of Africans r political leadership. They have yet to arn the meaning of citizenship, and Chris- anity is helping in this. Africans readily arn industrial and technical skills, and can valuable in industry. Missions are recog- zing the need for mass education, and for rmal education on the college level. In 950-51, there were 640 students from South frica studying in the United States. To e African, all of life is religious. If Chris- anity does not offer help in all phases of fe, it is not adequate. Africa's future is terly dependent upon her religion; her eatest hope is in Christ.

INTERMEDIATE — Nov. 9

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rojects

Personalize missions at this service by lling the roll of your representatives broad.

Fifteen minutes before the close of the eeting pass out paper and pencil and oose partners. Then allow ten minutes, perhaps you will want more than that, r each couple to write a letter to some issionary you have been talking about. ou might offer a prize for the best letter. ave the three best letters read at the next eeting.

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"I'm sorry you are leaving us, Anna," id the mistress to the maid. "But, of urse, if you are going to better your- lf—"

"Oh, no, madam," Anna hastily re- ied. "I am going to be married."

City Slicker: "Why are those bees ing around so frantically?"

Farmer: "Maybe they have hives."

Sunday, October 26, is CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ORLD DAY.

Unions To Participate In Outdoor Poster Campaign

November 15 is the deadline for orders for he Christian Endeavor panel posters which will be displayed throughout the country in connection with Christian Endeavor Week.

"Build With Christ" is the theme of the ew poster. Additional information may be ecured from Harold E. Westerhoff, Interna- ional Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 ast Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

LONG LIVE — THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Robert Hanson (formerly Vicky Fair) presents a gavel to Dorotha Tillman after she was installed as the new president of the Denver (Colorado) District Christian Endeavor Union, which will be the host to the 42nd Convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor June 22-27. Mrs. Hanson, (right) the retiring leader, who was married in August, gave the official invitation to the International Society to meet in Denver at the convention in Grand Rapids in 1951.

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around the family altar. As a means of grace it occupies a distinct place of its own. The private devotion, yea, the public worship, cannot take its place, for it stands alone." A revival of family worship will lead us to better homes.

4. *Discipline* — One element needful in the home today is discipline. A European visiting our country said, "It is remarkable how well the American parents obey their children." That the teenage boy and girl is running many of the homes today is a deplorable fact. In a Christian home the discipline of children is not so much a work of exhortation as of contagion.

5. *Christ* — The presence of Christ in the home is the Alpha and the Omega of the better home problem. His presence in a family circle destroys all the deadly perils and sanctifies all the elements needful for a happy Christian home. Christ should be "the head of every home; the unseen guest at every meal, and the silent listener to every conversation."

Project

Draw a picture of a home or cut from a magazine a picture of a home and paste it on a cardboard. Label the different parts of the home by some of the elements that make for better homes. The foundation of the home is love. The four walls may be Kindness, Forgiveness, Humbleness, Reverence. The roof, The Abiding Presence of Christ; the door, Friendliness; the light, the Word of God, etc.

Good literature can be a great boost to your young people's work. Observe CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD DAY Sunday, October 26.

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Topics for NOVEMBER

Nov. 2. "Thou Shalt Love the Lord Thy God." Deut. 6:1-9.
Nov. 9. "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself." Mark 12:31-34.
Nov. 16. The Hebrews Gave Thanks. Lev. 23:33-44.
Nov. 23. We Give Our Thanks. Luke 17:11-19.
Nov. 30. We Make Our Plans. Isa. 9:2,6,7.

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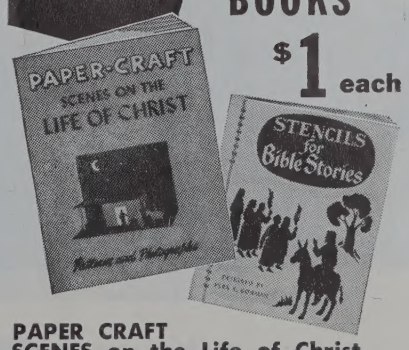

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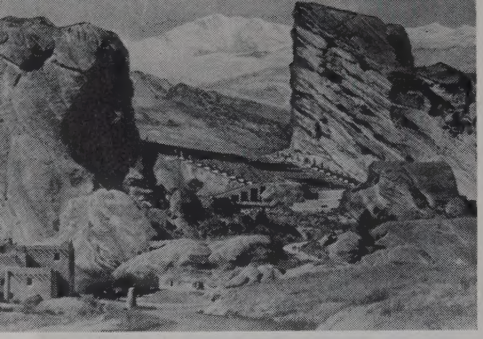
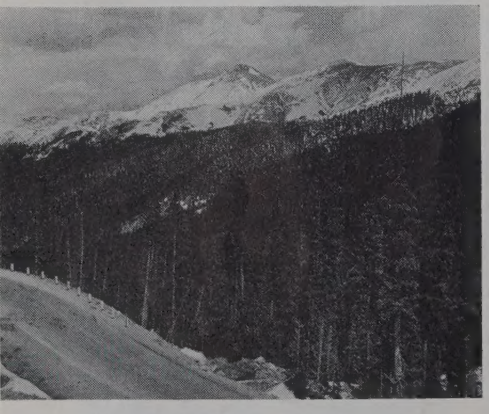


Natural Amphitheater, Park of the Red Rocks

Denver Civic Center showing State Capitol



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